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LA GRANGE NEWS



Arethusa; our first two year old winner of the season.

Welcome

Thankfully things have started to go much better recently! We have had a few winners and I am delighted with the way my two year olds have started their season with Arethusa (pictured above) winning and Prince Gagarin and Fieldsman both making encouraging debuts. The horses are looking and feeling brighter and seem to be running well. Thank you to all of you who attended the owners lunch at La Grange Stables. It was lovely to see you all.

Ed Dunlop

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Arethusa having a pick of grass after her fantastic win

Arethusa Wins In Style At HQ

Arethusa provided La Grange Stables with our first two year old victory this season at Newmarket in a competitive seven furlong, seventeen runner, maiden. This scopey daughter of Rip Van Winkle travelled well under Kieren Fallon and took up the lead a furlong out, winning comfortably by two and a quarter lengths. This was Arethusa's second start, after running extremely well first time out at Kempton earlier on in the month where she finished second under James Doyle. We would like to congratulate The Serendipity Partnership, some of whom were in attendance to see their filly triumph at Newmarket.

Trip to Paris Wins At Ascot

Trip To Paris won the Cainsbay Bloodstock Handicap by $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths following up from a fantastic run in the King George V Stakes five weeks previously at the Royal meeting where he finished sixth of the eighteen runners. Ryan Moore dropped Trip To Paris in towards the rear of the field for the vast majority of the race, before coming wide in the straight with a blistering run. Trip To Paris is rather a cool customer here at La Grange Stables and he is proving to be a great Saturday horse for the yard and is one of the firm favourites with the lads. We are delighted for his owners, the La Grange Partnership and we hope he will carry on improving throughout the rest of the season.



Trip To Paris gleaming



Red Runaway

Red Runaway Scores At Lingfield

Red Runaway takes his career winning tally to five after comfortably winning at Lingfield under a superb George Baker ride. George managed to get the lead from a bad draw and made good use of his position for the majority of the race before making his winning run up the inside of the track. This four year old gelding by Medicean is proving to be very versatile on different surfaces and on left and right handed tracks. This was his second run at Lingfield and his second win at the Surrey track and he has also won at Kempton, Chester and Leicester.

Congratulations to Red Runaway's owner, Mr Arculli and to Becky and Rose Dunlop who have both been riding him at home.

Unveiling of Snow Fairy's Statue

Snow Fairy has been immortalized in bronze at Leopardstown Racecourse.

Mrs Patino commissioned a life sized bronze from the sculptor Emma McDermott and has kindly donated the statue to the track, where it proudly stands overlooking the winner's enclosure. Ed and Becky flew over to Ireland to join Mrs Patino at the unveiling and Snow Fairy herself, made a guest appearance. Snow Fairy is currently in foal to Mrs Patino's stallion, Elusive Pimpernel and looked the picture of health as she enjoyed her day out at the racecourse. Snow Fairy's last run was in The Red Mills Irish Champion stakes (Group 1) at Leopardstown Racecourse where she won, beating Nathaniel and the late, St Nicholas Abbey. This wonderful statue is a beautiful and fitting tribute, to such a wonderful mare.



Snow Fairy with her life sized bronze statue

Contributer Heads For Australia



Contributer

Contributer's fantastic victory at Royal Ascot, in The Wolferton Listed Handicap, caught the attention of Godolphin.

Contributer has a fantastic race record; winning four of his nine starts and only failing to finish in the first four, once. His consistency and good attitude, secured his owners a bid that they could not refuse from Sheikh Mohammed's Australian operation and he has since departed. We are sad to see such a promising horse leave the yard but we are also delighted to have had the opportunity to train such an exciting horse and we wish his new handlers, every success in the future.

Joshua Tree Has Retired

Joshua Tree has been retired and will hopefully take up stud duties, in the near future.

This fantastic son of Montjeu has literally raced all over the world; taking in ten different countries. He has run thirty seven times, twenty eight of which were at Stakes level. He has won seven races and has also finished second, seven times. Joshua Tree is most famously known for winning three Canadian International Stakes (Grade 1) for three different jockeys and trainers. He has amassed £2,404,268 in prize money over his career. Joshua Tree is such a wonderful character who has given his lad, Darkie and his rider, Jason Tate, some great trips around the world. We are delighted he joined La Grange Stables in 2013 and we wish him well in his new career at stud.



Joshua Tree smiling!

Staff Sumer Party

The weather may have been rather undesirable for alfresco entertaining, but that did not stop the partying at La Grange Stables!

The annual staff summer party was held on Saturday the 12th of July at La Grange Stables. We managed a drinks reception and a few horse races on the lawn, before the rain caused us to abandon the last few races and take cover in the marquee.

We held an awards ceremony with awards for "The best legs", "The legend", "The happiest man at La Grange" as well as the main award of the night, "Employee of the year" as voted by the staff at La Grange Stables. Steve Young; who is our main head lad and has been with Ed since the beginning of his training career, scooped the award but was unfortunately not in attendance as he was celebrating his 50th birthday!! Many happy returns Youngy!!!



Ed and Becky enjoying the evening



Andrew Stringer causing interference to Richard's mount!



A few of our merry team!

There was plenty of bad dancing, laughing and game playing on the evening and the thunder and lightning storm, only added to the ambiance, although a few people were slightly concerned the marquee might get struck by lightning! We all over indulged on the fantastic BBQ food from the Green Man Pub and we consumed plenty of the bosses alcohol! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ed and Becky for a fantastic night and we are sorry for dancing too much on your lovely lawn!

Meet Our Second Vet; Stuart Williamson

Stuart is 28 and is from Northern Ireland. He grew up in the historic town of Carrickfergus; which is most famously known for the Irish folk Song "Carrickfergus" with artists like Ronan Keating, Katherine Jenkins and The Dubliners, all recording a version of the song.

Stuart studied for five years at The University of Liverpool, securing a Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree and is a member of The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Stuart then spent two years in a mixed practise in Worcester, before making the move to Newmarket, to work for Rossdale's Veterinary Surgeons. He spent two years as an intern in Rossdale's hospital and diagnostic centre, working alongside the main surgeon, Richard Payne, who is a European Specialist in equine surgery.



Romeo Monatgue being scoped prior to his run at Newbury



Stuart has been with La Grange Stables since February and has fitted in extremely well. He works alongside our main vet, Michael Shepherd, who has been Ed's vet for the vast majority of his training career. Stuart's favourite part of the job is seeing a horse he has treated, go on and run well.

Stuart is also a keen runner and has completed four marathons in four days, running from Worcester to Chester for the animal charity, SPANA. He is also a keen rugby player but admits he is not very good! His favourite watering hole is The Yard Pub in Newmarket and eatery is The Merry Monk in Isleham.

Two Year Old Focus 2014

Ejbaar

(Oasis Dream – x Habaayib) Colt

Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum

This son of Oasis Dream is a strong, good looking individual. Ejbaar's dam, Habaayib, was a wonderful filly for us, winning the Albany Stakes at Royal Ascot, as well as finishing second in The Cherry Hinton Stakes and The Dubai Duty Free Stakes (The Fred Darling Stakes).

"This son of Oasis Dream is a big scopey horse whose dam was a good filly I trained, Habaayib. He is a fine, big, imposing colt who will hopefully run at the end of the season."



Ejbaar



Ex Arbor

Biff Johnson

(Dansili – x Sagacious) Colt

Owner: Mr George Bolton

This colt was purchased at The Tattersall's Book One Sale. His sire, Dansili, was last year's leading Northern Hemisphere Sire of Group One winners worldwide and he also had forty one individual stakes performers in 2013 including The Fugue and Dank.

"Biff Johnson has been doing some pleasing fast work. He is still growing so is another horse we wont rush."

Kittens Red

(Kittens Joy – x Arbor) Colt

Owner: The Hon R J Arculli

This attractive colt was bought at The Craven Breeze Up Sales. His sire, Kittens Joy, has a fantastic racing record, winning nine of his fourteen starts, seven of which were Stakes races, on firm and yielding ground.

"This horse is another scopey individual who moves very well. He is by a sire who is doing really well in the USA and is an interesting horse for the future."



Biff Johnson

Naddy

(Mawatheeq – x Al Tamooh) Filly

Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum

Naady is an attractive, forwarding going filly by Shadwell's stallion, Mawatheeq who will be having his first crop of two year old runners this season.

"Naddy is a daughter of the young stallion, Mawatheeq. She is a lovely moving filly with plenty of presence. She has done a few fast pieces of work and is shaping up nicely."



Naddy

Old Fashion

(Shirocco – x Oriental Dance) Filly

Owners: Mr Hadi Al Tajr

Old Fashion is a lovely natured filly. Her grand dam, Oriental Fashion, was a nice type for Godolphin who won The Premio Ribot (Group 2) against fillies and colts at Capannelle.

"This filly has already run three times, showing fair form and is now qualified for nursery races."



Old Fashion

Ex Sharplaw Star

(Montjeu – x Sharplaw Star) Filly

Owners: Rathordan Syndicate

This filly is one of the last offspring, of the late great sire, Montjeu. Her dam, Sharplaw Star, won two races as a two year old and was third in the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot.

"This filly has been doing a few pieces of faster work. She is still growing so we will give her time to develop and we will hopefully see her running towards the back end of the season."



Ex Sharplaw Star

Pictures of the Month



Richard with his winning mount, at the staff party



Clare having a cuddle with Light of Asia



Amazing Maria and Island Remede



Summer bloom



Three of our two year olds cantering up Warren Hill



James fathers and Senior Whim



Staff summer party



Red Cadeaux and Moreton Hall School pupils

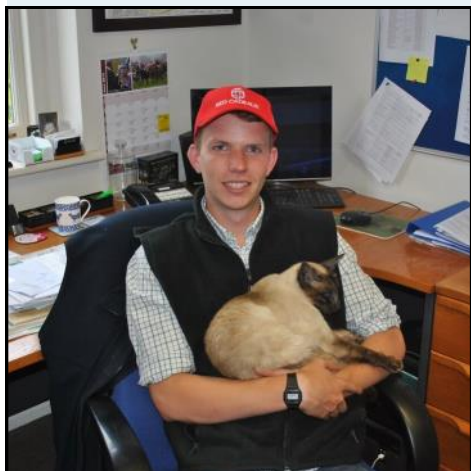


New residents at La Grange Stables



The Boss with his daughter ,Emily, and her friends

James Fathers: Our New Pupil Assistant



James Fathers is the latest addition to the La Grange Stables Team. James (nicknamed Junior by the boss) is an extremely intelligent young man; recently securing a degree in Bio Veterinary Science, from The Royal Veterinary College in London. He has quickly adapted to his new role as Pupil Assistant and is enjoying the challenges, which come with the job. "I'm really enjoying working at La Grange Stables. The long hours were a bit of a shock to my routine, but I'm used to them now and I'm really enjoying the job."

He has been bonding with the notoriously difficult hack, Senior Whim, and has managed to stay aboard him, thus far!

James was a keen rower and he rowed for his University boat, as well as playing rugby. "I was a terrible rugby player but I really enjoyed the social side of the sport!"

Staff Profile: Moises Delgado Montalban

Moises is 32 and is from the picturesque town, Sanlucar De Barrameda, Cadiz Province, of southern Spain. Moises love of horses started from a tender age; watching racing on the beach, as a young child with his family. His brother is an ex jockey, who is now a work rider in America and his father used to purchase horses at Tattersalls, to send racing in Spain.



Moi studied to be an assistant dentist after school. He decided to have a break from his studies and headed to London to improve his English. A weekend trip to Newmarket, to visit a friend, resulted in a yardman's job at Gainsborough Stables. Moi worked at Gainsborough for seven years and let Ouija Board slip through his hands, by kindly swapping the unraced daughter of Cape Cross for a difficult filly that one of his colleagues was struggling with. His favourite racing moment was travelling Court Masterpiece to Longchamp where he won The Prix De La Foret (Group 1).

Moises left Gainsborough and headed to Chevington Stud (now Blue Diamond Stud) and worked his way up to the position of Stud Manager. Three and a half years later, the stud was sold and Moi decided to head back to Spain to spend time with his family. He arrived at La Grange Stables in March and is in charge of the Power Plate, Treadmill and Spa. His favourite horse is Red Cadeaux.

"He is different class!"

Moi loves travelling, music, (in particular Kasabian) and tennis. He is a seriously good player who always likes a new opponent; so if any of you are a bit handy with a tennis racket; please let me know and I will set up a match!

Eight To Follow Update

Miss Valerie Griffiths, is still leading the competition with 90 points. Mr Robert Gray and Sir Anthony Pagewood are in second position with 85 points.

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